GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Registration and Stamps – Sri Tedlapu Venkata Kota Satyanarayana Lakshmana Rao, the then Sub Registrar, O/o SRO, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District and now Sub Registrar, Vizianagaram West - Allegations of misappropriation / irregularities reported during the Surprise check conducted by ACB on Sub Registrar Office, Nellimarla, Vizinagaram District - Initiation of Departmental Proceedings – Articles of Charges - Issued.

DEVENUE (VICTI ANCE II) DEDARTMENT

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.855

Dated: 14.10.2022

ORDER:

No.2854

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Tedlapu Venkata Kota Satyanarayana Lakshmana Rao, the then Sub Registrar, O/o SRO, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram Obstrict and now in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services

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(Classification Control and Appeal) Rules BY GOVERNMENT

- 2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).
- 3. Sri Tedlapu Venkata Kota Satyanarayana Lakshmana Rao, the then Sub Registrar, O/o SRO, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District and now Sub Registrar, Vizianagaram West is directed to submit his written statement of his defence, within seven days of the receipt of this Order.
- 4. Sri Tedlapu Venkata Kota Satyanarayana Lakshmana Rao, the then Sub Registrar, O/o SRO, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District and now Sub Registrar, Vizianagaram West is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.
- 5. Sri Tedlapu Venkata Kota Satyanarayana Lakshmana Rao, the then Sub Registrar, O/o SRO, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District and now Sub Registrar, Vizianagaram West is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.
- 6. Attention of Sri Tedlapu Venkata Kota Satyanarayana Lakshmana Rao, the then Sub Registrar, O/o SRO, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District and now Sub Registrar, Vizianagaram West is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri Tedlapu Venkata Kota Satyanarayana Lakshmana Rao, the then Sub Registrar, O/o SRO, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District and now Sub Registrar, Vizianagaram West (Enclosed Annexures I to IV) through the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada. (with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government).

The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada, Krishna District.

Copy to:

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

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ANNEXURE -I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI TEDLAPU VENKATA KOTA SATYA LAKSHMANA RAO, SUB-REGISTRAR, O/o SRO, NELLIMARLA, VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT AND NOW SUB REGISTRAR, VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT.

That Sri Tedlapu Venkata Kota Satya Lakshmana Rao, S/o Late Nageswara Rao, 36 Years, Sub-Registrar, O/o S.R.O, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District (Hereinafter referred to as Government Servant) while functioning as such during the period between 12.09.2016 to 06.06.2018 (till the date of surprise check)) committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE:

That the Government Servant while functioning as Sub-Registrar, O/o S.R.O, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District allowed 04 un-authorized persons viz., Sri Kurada Satyanarayana Patro, Sri Patnaikuni Venkata Bhanu Prakash Rao, Sri Kurada Rama Joga Rao and Sri Kovvuru Prabu Kumar (all four of them being document writers) to operate inside the Sub-Registrar Office in violation of the instructions issued in the Memo No. X3/18189/1995, dated: 04.09.1996 of the Commissioner & Inspector General of Stamps and Registration Department. Un-accounted cash of Rs.72,590/found in the possession of the aforesaid four private persons who were unauthorizedly working in the Sub-Registrar Office as per the instructions of Government Servant. Un-accounted cash must be presumed to be the cash collected as a bribe/illegal amount (from the parties who came to the SRO for registration) intended for Government Servant as per Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94, dated: 30.12.1997 of the Commissioner and Inspector General of Stamps and Registration, A.P. Hyderabad.

Thus the Government Servant Sri Kota Venkata Satya Lakshmana Rao, S/o Late Nageswara Rao, 36 Years, Sub-Registrar, O/o S.R.O, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District by his above-mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Govt. servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE -II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI TEDLAPU VENKATA KOTA SATYA LAKSHMANA RAO, SUB-REGISTRAR, O/O SRO, NELLIMARLA, VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT AND NOW SUB REGISTRAR, VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT.

Sri Tedlapu Venkata Kota Satya Lakshmana Rao, S/o Late Nageswara Rao, is a native of Nellimarla Village & Mandal, Vizianagaram District. His date of birth is 01.07.1981. He joined Government Service on 05.12.2007 as Junior Assistant and worked at Commissioner & Inspector General (Registration and Stamps), A.P, Hyderabad. He got promoted to Senior Assistant on 23.01.2010 and worked at C & I.G (Registration and Stamps), A.P, Hyderabad. Subsequently, he got promoted to Sub-Registrar on 12.09.2016 and posted at SRO Office, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District. His present basic pay is Rs.29,760/-. He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2041. He is hereinafter referred to as Government Servant (G.S).

BRIEF FACTS:

The brief facts of the case are that on credible information that the staff of Sub-Registrar Office, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District by engaging document writers / Assistant document writers collecting huge amounts from the parties who were visiting the office for registration of their properties, the DSP, ACB, Vizianagaram along with Sri K. Satish Kumar, Inspector, ACB, Vizianagaram and staff had conducted a surprise check on 06.06.2018 from 1610 hours to 2100 hours on the O/o Sub-Registrar, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District in the presence of mediators viz 1) Sri Sanivada Satyanarayana, S/o Chilaka Raju, Age; 35 years, Dy. Commercial Tax Officer, O/o South Circle, Vizianagaram and 2) Sri Dhavala Sankara Rao, S/o Late Ramulu, Age 57, Senior Assistant, O/o Dy. Commercial Tax Officer, South Circle, Vizianagaram.

IRREGULARITIES WERE FOUND DURING THE SURPRISE CHECK:

The Government Servant allowed 04 unauthorised persons viz., 1) Sri Kurada Satyanarayana Patro, 2) Sri Patnaikuni Venkata Bhanu Prakash Rao, 3) Sri Kurada Rama Joga Rao and 4) Sri Kovvuru Prabu Kumar (all four of them being document writers) to operate inside the Sub-Registrar Office. During the surprise check, Rs.48,660/- was seized from the possession of Sri Kurada Satyanarayana Patro, Rs.10,590/- was seized from the possession of Sri Patnaikuni Venkata Bhanu Prakash Rao, Rs.8,540/- was seized from the possession of Sri Kurada Rama Joga Rao and Rs.4,800/- was seized from the possession of Sri Kovvuru Prabu Kumar in the presence of mediators. Hence, the total un-accounted cash of Rs.72,590/-found in the possession of the aforesaid four private persons who were unauthorizedly working in the Sub-Registrar Office as per the instructions of the Government Servant Sri Tedlapu Venkata Kota Satyanaraya Lakshmana Rao, Sub-Registrar, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District.

CHARGE:

That the Government Servant while functioning as Sub-Registrar, O/o S.R.O, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District allowed 04 un-authorized persons viz., Sri Kurada Satyanarayana Patro, Sri Patnaikuni Venkata Bhanu Prakash Rao, Sri Kurada Rama Joga Rao and Sri Kovvuru Prabu Kumar (all four of them being document writers) to operate inside the Sub-Registrar Office in violation of the instructions issued in the Memo No. X3/18189/1995, dated: 04.09.1996 of the Commissioner & Inspector General of Stamps and Registration Department. Un-accounted cash of Rs.72,590/found in the possession of the aforesaid four private persons who were unauthorizedly working in the Sub-Registrar Office as per the instructions of Government Servant. Un-accounted cash must be presumed to be the cash collected as a bribe/illegal amount (from the parties who came to the SRO for

registration) intended for Government Servant as per Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94, dated: 30.12.1997 of the Commissioner and Inspector General of Stamps and Registration, A.P. Hyderabad.

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS:

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The surprise check team headed by DSP, ACB, Vizianagaram left the office at 1530 hours in Govt. hired vehicles viz., AP 35 TV 579, AP 30 TV 1429 and AP 31 TV 9069 of Vizianagaram Range and reached the vicinity of the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District at 1550 hours. After observing the surroundings the surprise check team entered the office building of the Sub-Registrar at about 1610 hours.

The Sub Registrar Office is situated on the ground floor in a G+1 private building, which the first floor is occupied by civilians. The said Office is facing North and there are two entrances side by side facing North. There is a Verandah in the entrance which is joining both entrances. There are two more rooms adjacent to each entrance. The second room from the right side entrance is the computer room in which thumb impressions and photographs of the persons (approaching the SRO for the registration of the properties) are taken and entries are made on the computer. In the second room located in the same direction, old records are kept. The second room on the left side entrance is the room of Sub-Registrar Office. On entering the same, one person was found sitting in an executive chair and 04 other persons were found standing in front of that person. On enquiry, those four persons stated that they were document writers. Two male persons were found sitting in the computer room. One female person was found standing adjacent to the computer section and another person was found standing there at the computer section. Then the DSP instructed the Inspectors and staff to close the doors and windows of the office and to observe the persons who were present in the office. Then the DSP, ACB disclosed her identity and the identity of the surprise check party and requested the persons present in the Sub Registrar Office to co-operate during the proceedings. The DSP ascertained the person sitting in the executive chair as Sri Tedlapu Venkata Kota Satya Lakshmana Rao, S/o Late Nageswara Rao, 36 Years, Sub-Registrar, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District (Government Servant).

Two persons were found sitting in the computer section room and a female person was found standing adjacent to the computer section and they revealed their identity as 1) Sri Kuncham Chandra Sekhar, S/o Late Satya Rao, 29 Years, Junior Assistant cum Sharoff (who was sitting in the computer section), 2) Sri Toyaka Tirumala Rao, S/o Late Balaram, 28 years, Junior Assistant (who was sitting in the computer section), 3) Smt. Kanithi Nookalamma, S/o Late Musalayya, 30 Years, Attender (who was standing at thumbprint table) of the Sub Registrar Office. The attendance of the staff reflects the same in the attendance register of the Sub Registrar Office, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District, which was being maintained since 01.01.2018. Sri Kella Adinarayana, S/o Late Jaggu Naidu, Alugolu Village, Nellimarla Mandal, Vizianagaram District who was found standing at the computer section stated that he has been working as a document writer and preparing small documents and he presents the documents. He came to Sub Registrar's Office to present the document and was waiting for the party, as there was a power failure, he was waiting in the computer section.

During the course of surprise check, the DSP secured the presence of the following Document Writers who were present in front of the Sub-Registrar at the time of Surprise Check and questioned them, reasons for their presence in the Sub Register Office and on enquiry, they revealed their identity as follows:

- 1. Sri Kurada Satyanarayana Patro, S/o Late Nagabhushana Rao, 42 Years, Document Writer of Sri Venkateswara Documentation Centre, Nellimarla, R/o Naidu Colony, Nellimarla Village and Mandal, Vizianagaram District
- 2. Sri Patnaikuni Venkata Bhanu Prakash Rao, S/o Dharma Rao, 49 Years, Document Writer, R/o Gurla Village and Mandal, Vizianagaram District
- 3. Sri Kurada Rama Joga Rao, S/o Srinivasa Patnaik, 27 Years, Document Writer of Srinu Documentation Centre, Nellimarla, R/o Golla Veedhi, Main Road, Ramatirdham Junction, Nellimarla Village and Mandal, Vizianagaram District.
- 4. Sri Kovvuru Prabu Kumar, S/o Chanti, 21 Years, Document Writer of Matha Documentation Centre, Ring Road, Vizianagaram Town, R/o D. No. 11-2-55, Aasapu Veedhi, Old Bus Stand, Vizianagaram Town.

On examination Sri Kurada Satyanarayana Patro stated that he had presented 9 documents on 04.06.2018. Out of those documents, 8 documents were registered vide Doc. Nos. 1650, 1651, 1654, 1655, 1656, 1657, 1658, 1659 and registration of one document was pending vide Doc. No. P.479/2018. He presented 4 documents on 05.06.2018. Out of them, 3 documents were registered vide Doc. Nos. 1660, 1661, 1666 and registration of one document was pending vide Doc. No. P.480/2018. He presented 15 documents on 06.06.2018. Out of them one document was pending vide Doc. No. P.483/2018 but due to a power cut, the remaining 14 documents were not entered into records. He had presented a total of 28 documents from 04.6.2018 to 06.06.2018. Out of those documents, 11 documents were registered. He had collected 0.5 % of the sale consideration value of 28 documents as instructed by the Sub Registrar Sri T.V.K.S. Lakshmana Rao as a bribe to him on the respective days. So he brought the bribe amount to the Sub Register Office on the day of the Surprise Check to hand over the bribe amount to the Sub Register. While he was handing over the bribe amount to the Sub Registrar, the ACB Officials intercepted him. So saying, he produced an amount of Rs.48,660/- from his left side front pant pocket.

On examination, Sri Patnaikuni Venkata Bhanu Prakash Rao stated that he had presented 2 documents on 06.06.2018. Out of those documents, one document was pending vide Doc. No. P.481/2018 but due to a power cut, the remaining document was not entered into records. He had collected 0.5 % of the sale consideration value of the above documents as instructed by the Sub Registrar Sri T.V.K.S. Lakshmana Rao as a bribe for him. So he brought the bribe amount to the Sub Registrar Office on the day of the Surprise Check to hand over the bribe amount to the Sub Registrar. While he was handing over the bribe amount to the Sub Registrar, the ACB Officials intercepted him. So saying, he produced an amount of Rs.10,590/- from his right side front pant pocket.

On examination, Sri Kurada Rama Joga Rao stated that he had presented 5 documents on 06.06.2018. Out of those documents, one document was pending vide Doc. No. P.482/2018 but due to a power cut, the remaining 4 documents were not entered into records. He had collected 0.5 % of the sale consideration value of the above documents as instructed by the Sub Registrar Sri T.V.K.S. Lakshmana Rao as a bribe for him. So he brought the bribe amount to the Sub Register Office on the day of the Surprise Check to hand over the bribe amount to the Sub Registrar, the ACB Officials intercepted him. So saying, he produced an amount of Rs.8,540/- from his left side front pant pocket.

On examination, Sri Kovvuru Prabu Kumar stated that he had presented 3 documents on 31.05.2018 under anywhere registration and the same was registered on 06.06.2018 vide Doc. Nos. 1774/2018, 1775/2018, 1773/2018. He had collected 0.5 % of the sale consideration value of the above documents as

instructed by the Sub Registrar Sri T.V.K.S. Lakshmana Rao as a bribe for him. So he brought the bribe amount to the Sub Register Office on the day of the Surprise Check to hand over the bribe amount to the Sub Registrar. While he was handing over the bribe amount to the Sub Registrar, the ACB Officials intercepted him. So saying, he produced an amount of Rs.4,800/- from his left side front pant pocket.

The DSP seized the aforesaid amounts that were produced by the document writers (amount collected by them from the parties on the instructions of Sub Register). The details of the same are given under.

	Total:	Rs.72,590/-
4.	Sri Kovvuru Prabu Kumar, Document Writer	Rs.4,800/
3.	Sri Kurada Rama Joga Rao, Document Writer	Rs.8,540/
	Writer	, , ,
2.	Sri Patnaikuni Venkata Bhanu Prakash Rao, Document	Rs.10,590/
1.	Sri Kurada Satyanarayana Patro, Document Writer	Rs. 48,660/-

The DSP questioned the Government Servant about the presence of the document writers/Asst. Document writers, he kept mum.

During the course of surprise check, the DSP obtained the following Photostat copies sale deeds from the Government servant which were produced by the above 4 document writers and the registration process was completed.

Photostat copies of Doc. Nos. 1650/2018, 1651/2018, 1654/2018, 1655/2018, 1656/2018, 1657/2018, 1658/2018, 1659/2018, 1660/2018, 1661/2018, 1666/2018, 1774/2018, 1775/2018, 1773/2018.

At the request of the DSP, the Government servant produced the following records which were maintained in their office.

1) <u>The Personal Cash Register</u>: The personal cash register was cross checked with the amount found in the Possession of the Staff including the Sub-Registrar and found them tallying.

The register is being maintained from 05.11.2016 to till to date and on perusal of the cash register the following amounts were mentioned in the personal cash register on 06.06.2018.

SI.	Name & Designation of	Amount	Amount	REMARKS	
No.	the Employee	Declared in PCR	available with the employee	Excess	Less
1.	Sri T.V.K.S.Lakshmana Rao, SRO	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 200/-		-
2.	Sri T.Tirumala Rao, Junior Assistant	Rs.40/-	Rs.40/-	-	-
3.	K.Chandra Sekhar, Junior Assistant	Rs. 130/-	Rs.130/-	-	-
4.	Kum. K.Nookalamma, Office Sub-ordinate	Rs.100/-	Rs.100/-	-	-

2. ACCOUNT - A REGISTER: VOL. 29:

The register is being maintained from 30.03.2018 to till date containing pages 1 to 302 written up to page No. 116. As per this register it is found that on 06.06.2018 - 26 entries were made and the last entry made vide Doc. No. P 483/2018.

3. ACCOUNT - B REGISTER: VOL. 04:

The register is being maintained from 22.02.2011, last entry was made on 01.08.2017.

4. ACCOUNT - C REGISTER: VOL.11:

The register is being maintained from 18.08.2008, the last entry was made on 23.03.2018 regarding deposit of Rs.260/- in SBI, Nellimarla collected as per Sec. 47A towards document deficit amount.

5. ACCOUNT - D REGISTER: VOL. 11:

The register is being maintained from 17.11.2014 to till to date and the last entry was made on 04.06.2018. The register containing pages 1 to 300, entries made up to in page No. 206.

6.ACCOUNT - G REGISTER : VOL.10:

The register is being maintained from 30.03.2009 and the last entry was made on 04.06.2018. The register containing pages 1 to 200 pages, written up to page No.139.

7.ACCOUNT - H REGISTER: VOL.18:

The register is being maintained from 07.05.2015 and the last entry was made on 05.06.2018. The register containing pages 1 to 100 pages, written up to page No.57.

8. SPECIAL ADHESIVE STOCK REGISTER: VOL. 08:

The register is being maintained from 28.05.2016 and the last entry was made on 31.05.2018. The register containing pages 1 to 169, written up to Page No. 69. There is an entry of Rs.29,86,880/- towards the value of stamps. On 06.06.2018 sold stamps worth Rs.410/-. When verified the cash box, cash found an amount of Rs. 810/- (Stamps sold worth of Rs.410/- + marriage fee of Rs. 200/- + user an amount of Rs. 200/-) is correct.

9. THUMB IMPRESSION REGISTER: VOL. 95:

The register is being maintained from 10.05.2018 to till to date. The register containing pages 1 to 120, written up to Page No.63 vide Doc. No. P. 483/2018 in the name of Sri M. Sankar and the Sub Registrar signed in the said register from 10.05.2018 to till to date.

10. <u>USER CHARGES REGISTER:</u>

The register is being maintained from 03.01.2018 and the last entry was made on 05.06.2018. The register containing pages 1 to 267, written up to Page No. 45 (market value user charges is only entering in the register). The entries of Account -A & D are mentioned in H register.

11. NON-JUDICIAL GENERAL STOCK REGISTER VOL NO.04:

The register is being maintained from 10.11.2015 and the last entry was made on 09.05.2018. The register containing pages 1 to 167, written up to 75 and found balance stamps worth of Rs.27,19,100/-.

The following irregularities were found during the surprise check:

The Government Servant allowed 04 unauthorised persons viz., 1) Sri Kurada Satyanarayana Patro, 2) Sri Patnaikuni Venkata Bhanu Prakash Rao, 3) Sri Kurada Rama Joga Rao and 4) Sri Kovvuru Prabu Kumar (all four of them being document writers) to operate inside the Sub-Registrar Office. During the surprise check, Rs.48,660/- was seized from the possession of Sri Kurada Satyanarayana Patro, Rs.10,590/- was seized from the possession of Sri Patnaikuni Venkata Bhanu

Prakash Rao, Rs.8,540/- was seized from the possession of Sri Kurada Rama Joga Rao and Rs.4,800/- was seized from the possession of Sri Kovvuru Prabu Kumar in the presence of mediators. Hence, the total un-accounted cash of Rs.72,590/-found in the possession of the aforesaid four private persons who were unauthorizedly working in the Sub-Registrar Office as per the instructions of the Government Servant Sri Tedlapu Venkata Kota Satyanaraya Lakshmana Rao, Sub-Registrar, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District.

During the course of enquiry, the Inspector, ACB, Vizianagaram obtained job chart of the Government servant, Government memos regarding restricting the private persons into the Sub Registrars Office and cash found with the unauthorized person in the office from the District Registrar, Vizianagaram vide Letter of No.E1/694/2018, dated: 23.08.2018.

- Memo No.X3/18189/1995, dated 04.09.1996 Commissioner & I.G of Registration and Stamps, A.P, Hyderabad:- As per the memo, the Sub Registrars shall not allow entry of unauthorized persons including brokers/touts/mediators and document writers, into the offices. If these instructions are not adhered to strictly, drastic action will be taken against the Sub-Registrar.
- 2. Circular Memo No.X2/10708/94, Dt:30-12-1997 of the Commissioner & I.G. of Registration and Stamps, A.P, Hyderabad: As per the memo, in all cases of surprise checks, where unaccounted cash is found with the employee, in the premises of the office and with the unauthorized person in the office, the normal presumption shall be that it is the illegal amount obtained as bribe from the parties.

Hence, the charge against the Government Servant that he has allowed 04 un-authorized persons (all four of them being document writers) to operate inside the Sub-Registrar Office and Un-accounted cash of Rs.72,590/- found in the possession of the aforesaid four private persons who were unauthorizedly working in the Sub-Registrar Office as per the instructions of Government Servant is held substantiated.

Thus, the Government Servant Sri Tedlapu Venkata Kota Satya Lakshmana Rao, S/o Late Nageswara Rao, 36 Years, Sub-Registrar, O/o S.R.O, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District by his above-mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rules 3 (1) and 3 (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus the Government Servant Sri Tedlapu Venkata Kota Satya Lakshmana Rao, S/o Late Nageswara Rao, 36 Years, Sub-Registrar, O/o S.R.O, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District may be placed on his defence before the Commissioner of Inquiries (COI) for major penalty under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules.

Hence the charge.

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI TEDLAPU VENKATA KOTA SATYA LAKSHMANA RAO, SUB-REGISTRAR, O/O SRO, NELLIMARLA, VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT AND NOW SUB REGISTRAR, VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

The following Documentary evidence is available on record:

- Surprise check proceedings, dt.06.06.2018 drafted at the office of Sub-Registrar Office, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District:- It reveals the fact of Surprise check proceedings dated 06.06.2018, seizure of records, unaccounted cash and examination of witnesses etc facts.
- 2. Signed statement of Sri Kurada Satyanarayana Patro, S/o Late Nagabhushana Rao, 42 Years, Document Writer of Sri Venkateswara Documentation Centre, Nellimarla, R/o Naidu Colony, Nellimarla Village and Mandal, Vizianagaram District:- It reveals that he presented documents for registration and he collected 0.5% of the sale consideration value of documents as instructed by the Government Servant etc. facts.
- 3. Signed statement of Sri Patnaikuni Venkata Bhanu Prakash Rao, S/o Dharma Rao, 49 Years, Document Writer, R/o Gurla Village and Mandal, Vizianagaram District:- It reveals that he presented documents for registration and he collected 0.5% of the sale consideration value of documents as instructed by the Government Servant etc. facts.
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- 6. <u>Attendance Register</u>:- It reveals that the Government Servant is present on the date of the Surprise Check.
- 7. Account A Register Volume-29:- It reveals the documents registered at the O/o SRO, Nellimarla from 04.06.2018 to 06.06.2018 etc. facts.
- 8. Photostat copies of Doc. Nos. 1650/2018, 1651/2018, 1654/2018, 1655/2018, 1656/2018, 1657/2018, 1658/2018, 1659/2018, 1660/2018, 1661/2018, 1666/2018, 1774/2018, 1775/2018, 1773/2018:- Its reveals the sale consideration value of documents etc. facts.
- 9. Letter of No.E1/694/2018, dated: 23.08.2018 of the District Register, Vizianagaram:- It reveals the service particulars and job chart of the Government Servant, Memo No.X3/18189/1995, Dated 04.09.1996 & Circular Memo No.X2/10708/94, dated 30-12-1997 of the Commissioner & I.G. of Registration and Stamps, A.P., Hyderabad etc, facts.

If any witness is found necessary, it will be produced during the enquiry.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI TEDLAPU VENKATA KOTA SATYA LAKSHMANA RAO, SUB-REGISTRAR, O/O SRO, NELLIMARLA, VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT AND NOW SUB REGISTRAR, VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

LIST OF WITNESSES:

The following oral evidence is available on record:

Oral Evidence:

- 1. <u>Sri Sanivada Satyanarayana, S/o Chilaka Raju, Age; 35 years, Dy. Commercial Tax Officer, O/o South Circle, Vizianagaram, R/o D.No. 2-52, Desapatrunipalem Village, Parawada Mandal, Visakhapatnam District:</u> He is the mediator -1, he will speak about the surprise check proceedings, seizure of records & cash, and examination of witnesses.
- 2. Sri Dhavala Sankara Rao, S/o Late Ramulu, Age: 57, Senior Assistant, O/o Dy. Commercial Tax Officer, South Circle, Vizianagaram, R/o Phase-III, VUDA Colony, near Bangaramma Temple, Cantonment, Vizianagaram Town:- He is the mediator -2, he will speak about the surprise check proceedings, seizure of records & cahs and examination of witnesses.
- 3. Sri Kurada Satyanarayana Patro, S/o Late Nagabhushana Rao, 42 Years, Document Writer of Sri Venkateswara Documentation Centre, Nellimarla, R/o Naidu Colony, Nellimarla Village and Mandal, Vizianagaram District:- He stated that he had presented 28 documents before the Government Servant for registration, He had collected Rs. 48,660/- i.e. 0.5 % of the sale consideration value of documents as instructed by the G.S as a bribe for him. He brought the bribe amount to the Sub Register Office on the day of Surprise Check to hand over the bribe amount to the G.S etc facts.
- 4. <u>Sri Patnaikuni Venkata Bhanu Prakash Rao, S/o Dharma Rao, 49 Years, Document Writer, R/o Gurla Village and Mandal, Vizianagaram District:</u> He stated that he had presented 2 documents before the Government Servant for registration, He had collected Rs. 10,590/- i.e. 0.5 % of the sale consideration value of documents as instructed by the G.S as a bribe for him. He brought the bribe amount to the Sub Register Office on the day of Surprise Check to hand over the bribe amount to the G.S etc facts.
- 5. Sri Kurada Rama Joga Rao, S/o Srinivasa Patnaik, 27 Years, Document Writer of Srinu Documentation Centre, Nellimarla, R/o Golla Veedhi, Main Road, Ramatirdham Junction, Nellimarla Village and Mandal, Vizianagaram District:

 He stated that he had presented 5 documents before the Government Servant for registration, He had collected Rs.8,540/- i.e. 0.5 % of the sale consideration value of 5 documents as instructed by the G.S as a bribe for him. He brought the bribe amount to the Sub Register Office on the day of Surprise Check to hand over the bribe amount to the G.S etc facts.
- 6. Sri Kovvuru Prabu Kumar, S/o Chanti, 21 Years, Document Writer of Matha Documentation Centre, Ring Road, Vizianagaram Town, R/o D. No. 11-2-55, Aasapu Veedhi, Old Bus Stand, Vizianagaram Town: He stated that he had presented 3 documents before the Government Servant for registration, He had collected Rs. 4,800/- i.e. 0.5 % of the sale consideration value of 3 documents as instructed by the G.S as a bribe for him. He brought the bribe amount to the Sub Register Office on the day of Surprise Check to hand over the bribe amount to the G.S etc facts.
- 7. <u>Sri M. Srinivasa Murthy, District Registrar, Vizianagaram</u>:- He will speak about the fact that vide Letter of No.E1/694/2018, dated: 23.08.2018 he furnished service particulars and job chart of the Government Servant, instructions issued in Memo No.X3/18189/1995, Dt: 04.09.1996 of the Commissioner & I.G. of Registration and Stamps, A.P., Hyderabad and Circular Memo No.X2/10708/94, Dt:30-12-1997 of the Commissioner & I.G. of Registration and Stamps, A.P., Hyderabad etc facts.

8. Smt. Sk. Shakeela Bhanu formerly worked as Deputy Supdt. of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vizianagaram Range, Vizianagaram: She will speak about the contents of the surprise check report dated: 06.06.2018 etc. facts.

 Sri. K. Satish Kumar, Inspector of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vizianagaram Range: He is the enquiry office and will speak about the contents of the surprise check report dated: 06.06.2018, his enquiry, submission of surprise check report and DACs etc facts.

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